

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:730
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CREATION OF A NEW RAILWAY ZONE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that people of North-Eastern Region have been demanding bifurcation of Alipurduar Zone and creation of a new zone with Maligaon and Dibrugarh Railway Division ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said zone is likely to be created; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The issue has been raised in a memorandum handed over by all Congress Members of Parliament from Assam State to Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Indian Railway does not have any Zone namely, Alipurduar Zone. Hence the question of any bifurcation of Alipurduar Zone does not arise. Moreover, a Zonal Railway namely, "Northeast Frontier Railway" with headquarters at Guwahati already exists to cater to the needs of the region.